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SUBJECT: ATHENS VISIT OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE CYPRIOT PARLIMENT.

1. THE PRESIDENT OF THE CYPRIOT PARLIAMENT, CPYROS KYPRIANOU, VISITED ATHENS NOVEMBER 1-4 AT THE INVITATION OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE GREEK PARLIAMENT. DURING HIS FOUR-DAY VISIT HERE, THE CYPRIOT LEADER MET WITH A NUMBER OF GREEK OFFICIALS AND POLITICAL LEADERS, INCLUDING PRESIDENT TSATSOS, PRIME MINISTER CARAMANLIS, FOREIGN MINISTER BITSIOS, PRESIDENT OF THE PARLIAMENT PAPACONSTANTINOU, UNION OF THE DEMOCRATIC CENTER PRESIDENT MAVROS, PASOK PRESIDENT PAPANDREOU, UNITED DEMOCRATIC LEFT PRESIDENT ILIOU, AND THE LEADERS OF GREECE'S TWO COMMUNIST PARTIES. BEFORE DEPARTING ATHENS YESTERDAY, KYPRIANOU INDICATED TO THE PRESS THAT HE WAS FULLY SATISFIED WITH THE RESULTS OF HIS VISIT WHICH HE DESCRIBED AS MOST USEFUL IN ALL RESPECTS. KYPRIANOU SAID HE HAD GIVEN THE GREEK GOVERNMENT, THE PRESIDENT OF THE GREEK PARLIAMENT AND OTHER GREEK POLITICAL LEADERS A FULL BRIEFING ON THE CYPUS ISSUE DURING HIS STAY HERE.

2. ACCORDING TO THE MFA DIRECTOR FOR TURKISH AND CYPRIOT AFFAIRS, NOMIKOS, DURING THE DISCUSSIONS WITH KYPRIANOU THE
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GOG HAD GIVEN HIM ITS VIEW THAT IT WAS DESIRABLE TO

AVOID ACRIMONIOUS DEBATE DURING THE UNGA CONSIDERATION OF THE CYPRUS QUESTION IN ORDER TO AVOID CREATING AN ATMOSPHERE THAT WOULD MAKE THE RESUMPTION OF THE INTERCOMMUNAL TALKS EVEN MORE DIFFICULT. NOMIKOS NOTED PARAENTHETICALLY THAT THE CYPRIOS ARE, OF COURSE, FRUSTRATED OVER THE FACT THAT THERE HAS BEEN NO PROGRESS TOWARDS A SETTLEMENT OF THE CYPRUS PROBLEM FOR OVER MORE THAN TWO YEARS NOW.

3. ACCORDING TO NOMIKOS, KYPRIANOU WAS NON-COMMITTAL IN RESPONSE TO THE GOG'S URGINGS BUT INDICATED THAT HE WOULD REPORT THE GOG'S VIEWS ON THIS MATTER TO THE GOC WHEN HE RETURNED TO CYPRUS. (KYPRIANOU WILL APPARENTLY BE PASSING THROUGH ATHENS AGAIN ON NOVEMBER 6 ON HIS WAY TO NEW YORK.) NOMIKOS SAID THAT KYPRIANOU INDICATED THAT THE CYPRIOT ATTITUDE DURING THE UNGA CONSIDERATION OF THE CYPRUS QUESTION WOULD ALSO DEPEND TO A LARGE EXTENT ON TURKISH AND TURKISH CYPRIOT BEHAVIOR. IN THIS CONNECTION, NOMIKOS NOTED THAT THE GOG UNDERSTANDS THAT THE TURKS ARE NOW LOBBYING IN CAPITALS IN AN EFFORT TO REOPEN THE ISSUE OF TURKISH CYPRIOT PARTICIPATION IN THE UNGA DISCUSSIONS ON CYPRUS. THE GOG HAS REACTED TO THIS, AND THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS IS SENDING CIRCULAR INSTRUCTIONS TO CERTAIN GREEK DIPLOMATIC MISSIONS POINTING OUT THAT THE UNGA PRESIDENT'S RULING NOT TO PERMIT DENKTASH TO ADDRESS THE UNGA SHOULD BE UPHELD AND THAT PAST UNGA PRACTICES OF HAVING REPRESENTATIVES OF THE TWO CYPRIOT COMMUNITIES APPEAR BEFORE THE SPECIAL POLITICAL COMMITTEE SHOULD AGAIN BE FOLLOWED.

4. FINALLY, NOMIKOS MENTIONED THAT KYPRIANOU HAD INDICATED DURING HIS TALKS HERE THAT THE GOC WAS THINKING ALONG THE LINES OF A BRIEF RESOLUTION ON CYPRUS THIS YEAR WHICH WOULD RECALL PREVIOUS UN RESOLUTIONS AND CALL FOR THEIR IMPLEMENTATION. THE CYPRIOTS ARE APPARENTLY ALSO THINKING, HE SAID, ABOUT INTRODUCING SOME REFERENCE TO SANCTIONS IN THE RESOLUTION IN CONNECTION WITH TURKISH NON-COMPLIANCE WITH PREVIOUS RESOLUTIONS. KUBISCH

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